

Page 4, line 13 replace "Register" with ~~Registered~~—as shown in Figure 6.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

- (Amended)
2. A method in a networked computer system for granting licenses to use a work of authorship and publishing records of said licenses, comprising:
- assembling on a server on a computer network a database of web pages, each web page associated with one of a plurality of source works of authorship, each web page presenting to any one of a plurality of client computers an offer of a license to use the associated source work of authorship;
 - receiving at the server from one of said client computers, relating to one of said web pages, an acceptance of the license to use the associated source work of authorship;
 - in response to receiving the acceptance[said request], creating on a server on the computer network a record associated with said accepted license and containing information about said accepted license, said record identified by a unique license identifier and accessible by any client computer on the network; and
 - providing to said client computer said unique license identifier for presentation with a licensed use of said source work of authorship.

Please add claims 5-36 as follows:

- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the unique work identifier further comprises visual information enabling the user of a second client computer to enter information on the second client computer and thereby access the web page offering a license for the work of authorship.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the computer network comprises the global computer network.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein selecting the hot spot comprises clicking on the hot spot at the client computer.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the hot spot comprises an icon and the work identifier.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein the license identifier comprises a visual representation conveying information enabling a user of a second client computer to access the record associated with the license and further comprises a machine-readable portion enabling a web browser on the second client computer to access the licensing record.

10. The method of claim 2 wherein creating the record on the server comprises generating a web page containing terms of the accepted license and including a link to the original web page on the server the offer to license the work of authorship was presented.

11. The method of claim 2 wherein the license identifier comprises a plurality of fields, each field being separated by a dot (".") and the fields containing references to information about the publisher of the work of authorship, the licensee, and the terms of the license.

12. The method of claim 3 wherein providing the hotspot comprises providing a visual representation of the unique license identifier which a user of the client computer may utilize to access the record corresponding to the unique license identifier.

13. The method of claim 3 wherein assembling on a computer network a database of records comprises assembling a plurality of web pages, each web page corresponding to a record in the database.

14. The method of claim 3 wherein the computer network comprises the global computer network.

15. A method for registering works of authorship on a computer network including at least one client system and at least one server system, the registration including specifying terms for licensing such works of authorship so that a person may review the terms and decide whether to license the works, the method comprising:

receiving as input on a client system of the network publisher account information regarding a particular work of authorship to be registered and information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship;

sending the information provided on the client system to a server system;

receiving from the server system on the client system a publisher's registered content code that is associated with the information sent to the server, the publisher's registered content code providing information enabling a person to locate on the server system the information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship; and

including the publisher's registered content code received from the server system in a published copy of the work of authorship so that a person viewing the work may access on the server system the information regarding the terms for licensing the work.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the work of authorship comprises content embodied in a web page and the publisher's registered content code comprises a tag in the web page, the tag comprising a uniform resource locator of a licensing web page on the server system that contains the information regarding the terms for licensing the work of authorship.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the tag of the publisher's registered content code comprises a hot spot in the corresponding web page, the hot spot comprising an icon and the uniform resource locator in visual form and machine-readable form.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the publisher's registered content code comprises a string of fields with each field being separated by a delimiter, the string of fields having a first field and a last field, and each field in the string except the first field being interpreted as a function of the first field and any fields between the first field and the field being interpreted.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the delimiter comprises a period (".") and the code comprises four fields, the first field being a series identification code, the second field comprising a publisher identification number, the third field comprising a content part number, and the fourth field comprising a right to use identification number.

20. The method of claim 15 wherein the client system and the server system communicate via the global computer network to perform sending the information provided on the client system to the server system and to receive the code from the server system on the client system.

21. A method for creating a registration of a work of authorship on a computer network including at least one client system and at least one server system, the registration including specifying terms for licensing such work of authorship so that a person may review the terms and decide whether to license the work, the method comprising:

receiving on a server system from a client system publisher account information regarding a particular work of authorship to be registered, and information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship;

generating on the server system a publisher's registered content code from the received information;

generating on the server system a record associated with the publisher's registered content code, the record containing the terms for licensing the work of authorship; and

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sending the publisher's registered content code from the server system to the client system, the publisher's registered content code providing information that enables the work of authorship to be located on the server system, and the publisher's registered content code being included in subsequent copies of the work of authorship so that a person viewing the work may access on the server system the terms for licensing the work.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the work of authorship comprises content embodied in a web page and the publisher's registered content code comprises a tag in the web page, the tag comprising a uniform resource locator of a licensing web page on the server system that contains the terms for licensing the work of authorship.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the tag of the publisher's registered content code comprises a hot spot in the corresponding web page, the hot spot comprising an icon and the uniform resource locator in visual form and machine-readable form.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein the publisher's registered content code comprises a string of fields with each field being separated by a delimiter, the string of fields having a first field and a last field, and each field in the string except the first field being interpreted as a function of the first field and any fields between the first field and the field being interpreted.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the delimiter comprises a period (".") and the code comprises four fields, the first field being a series identification code, the second field comprises a publisher identification number, the third field comprises a content part number, and the fourth field comprises a right to use identification number.

26. The method of claim 21 wherein the client system and the server system communicate via the global computer network to receive the information on the server system and provide the code from the server system to the client system.

27. A method on a computer network for registering terms for licensing works of authorship and for licensing the works of authorship by accepting the registered terms, the method comprising:

receiving on a server system from a first client system publisher account information regarding a particular work of authorship to be registered and information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship;

generating on the server system a publisher's registered content code from the received information;

generating on the server system a record associated with the publisher's registered content code, the record containing the terms for licensing the work of authorship;

sending the publisher's registered content code from the server system to the first client system, the publisher's registered content code providing information that enables the work of authorship to be located on the server system;

including the publisher's registered content code in subsequent copies of the work of authorship so that a person viewing the work may access the terms for licensing the work on the server system;

using the publisher's registered content code on a second client system to access the record on the server system associated with the publisher's registered content code;

supplying information from the second client system to the server system to specify specific information regarding the scope of the desired license and any financial information required to compensate the licensor for licensing the work of authorship;

on the server system, receiving from the second client system an acceptance of the licensing terms in the record; and

processing the acceptance on the server system and providing any compensation due the publisher for the accepted license.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein the work of authorship comprises content embodied in a web page and the publisher's registered content code comprises a

tag in the web page, the tag comprising a uniform resource locator of a licensing web page on the server system that contains the terms for licensing the work of authorship.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein the tag of the publisher's registered content code comprises a hot spot in the corresponding web page, the hot spot comprising an icon and the uniform resource locator in visual form and machine-readable form.

30. The method of claim 27 wherein the publisher's registered content code comprises a string of fields with each field being separated by a delimiter, the string of fields having a first field and a last field, and each field in the string except the first field being interpreted as a function of the first field and any fields between the first field and the field being interpreted.

31. A server system for registering works of authorship and granting copyright licenses for such registered works of authorship via a computer network, the server system comprising:

a registration component that receives registration information for a work of authorship from a first client system and generates a license record in a database corresponding to the work of authorship, the registration component also generating a publisher code corresponding to the license record and thereafter providing the publisher code to the first client system, the code including information enabling a second client system to access the license record; and

a clearance component that receives from the second client system a request to access a particular license record in the publisher component, the request including user information and acceptance of terms of a license corresponding to the license record, and the clearance component providing to the second client system a clearance code corresponding to a license granted for the work of authorship associated with the licensing record and generating a corresponding licensing record in a publisher component for the granted license.

32. The server system of claim 31 wherein the request received by the clearance component from the second client system comprises a request from a web browser running on the second client system, the web browser generating the request from a machine-readable portion of the publisher code.

33. The server system of claim 31 wherein the clearance component further provides along with the clearance code the work of authorship in a desired format to the second client system.

34. The server system of claim 31 wherein the publisher code comprises a machine-readable portion that may be used by a browser on a client computer to access the licensing record and further includes a text portion that displays visual information for a URL corresponding to the licensing record.

35. The server system of claim 31 wherein each licensing record comprises a web page having a URL corresponding to the clearance code associated with the record and further comprises a URL for a web page containing the work of authorship associated with the licensing record.

36. The server system of claim 31 wherein the registration and clearance components communicate with client systems over the global computer network.

37. A server system for granting licenses to use a work of authorship and publishing such licenses, comprising:

a database component including a database of web pages, each web page being associated with at least one of a plurality of source works of authorship, and each web page presenting to any one of a plurality of users an offer of a license to use the associated source work of authorship;

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a receiving component that receives acceptances from the users, each acceptance relating to one of the web pages and being an acceptance of the license to use each source work of authorship associated with the web page;

a licensing record component that receives each acceptance, and in response to receiving the acceptance, generating a record associated with the accepted license and containing information about the terms of the accepted license, the record being identified by a unique license identifier and accessible by any user, and the licensing record component providing to the user supplying the acceptance the unique license identifier for presentation with a licensed use of the source work of authorship.

38. The server system of claim 37 wherein each of the plurality of users corresponds to a client system.

39. The server system of claim 37 wherein each unique license identifier comprises a visual representation conveying information enabling a user to access the record associated with the license and further comprises a machine-readable portion enabling the user to access the record through a web browser.

40. The server system of claim 37 wherein each record comprises a markup language file that may be displayed by a user through a web browser

41. A client system for registering works of authorship on a computer network including at least one server system, the registration including specifying terms for licensing such works of authorship so that a person may review the terms and decide whether to license the works, the client system comprising:

a registration component that receives publisher account information regarding a particular work of authorship to be registered and information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship, the communication component, the registration component thereafter communicating the received information to a server system; and

a receiving component that receives from the server system a publisher's registered content code that is associated with the information communicated to the server system by the registration component, the publisher's registered content code providing information enabling a person to locate on the server system the information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship.

42. The client system of claim 41 wherein the work of authorship comprises content embodied in a web page and the publisher's registered content code comprises a tag in the web page, the tag comprising a uniform resource locator of a licensing web page on the server system that contains the information regarding the terms for licensing the work of authorship.

43. The client system of claim 42 wherein the tag of the publisher's registered content code comprises a hot spot in the corresponding web page, the hot spot comprising an icon and the uniform resource locator in visual form and machine-readable form.

44. A server system for registering a work of authorship on a computer network including at least one client system and at least one server system, the registration including specifying terms for licensing such work of authorship so that a person may review the terms and decide whether to license the work, the server system comprising:

a receiving component that receives from a client system publisher account information regarding a particular work of authorship to be registered, and information regarding terms for licensing the work of authorship;

a code generation component that generates a publisher's registered content code from the publisher account information;

a record component that generates a record associated with the publisher's registered content code, the record containing the terms for licensing the work of authorship; and